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Amendment of the Madras Outports Landing and Shipping Fees Act.

*1550 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 433 answered on 9th October 1928, regarding the establishment of the Port Conservancy Board at Mangalore, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Bill has been drafted to amend the Madras Outports Landing and Shipping Fees Act, 1885 (III of 1885); and

(b) when it will be brought before the Council?

A.—(a) The preparation of the Bill is still under consideration.

(b) It is not possible to say when it will be brought before the Council.

Police

Appointment and dismissal of Police officers during 1928.

*1551 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Sub-Inspectors, Inspectors, Deputy Superintendents and District Superintendents of Police, both acting and permanent, appointed from 1st April 1928 up to date;

(b) the number of Sub-Inspectors, Inspectors, Deputy Superintendents who were dispensed with, removed, suspended, compulsorily retired and dismissed from 1st April 1928 up to date, and the reasons in each case; and

(c) the number of Mussalmans in each of the two cases, referred to in (a) and (b)?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government are not in possession of the information; reports have been called for from the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police.

Arrest of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthi.

*1552 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthi was arrested by the Police at Bezwada Railway station without a warrant on 7th February 1929, and, if so, why; and

(b) why the Police or the Government have thought it fit to arrest him and try him for alleged seditious speeches delivered since January 1928?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know whether the Government were aware of the intended arrest before it was actually made, and if so, when?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We have no information, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know on whose initiative or under whose instructions were the proceedings launched?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Government did not issue any instructions."